



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Benito et al.) PATENT
Serial No.: 10/009,980) Attorney Docket
Filed: November 8, 2001) HER-102.0
For: MOLECULAR METHODS FOR) (8057/84086)
DETECTING GUAR GUM ADDITIONS)
TO LOCUST BEAN GUM) Group Art No.
Examiner: Teresa A. Strelecka) 1637

ELECTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed on October 26, 2004, for which a Petition for an Extension of Time and its required fee are enclosed.

That Restriction divided the claims into three claim Groups. Group I contains claims 8-14, Group II contains claims 15-17, and Group III contains claims 18-26. Claim Group III is hereby elected without traverse.


The requested election of claim group has been made. It is therefore believed that this application is in condition for examination on the merits.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to

be the required petition. This paper is being filed in duplicate.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned should any questions arise that can be dealt with over the phone to expedite this prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

By 
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Enclosure
Petition and fee

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Election, in duplicate, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on December 1, 2004.


Edward P. Gamson